

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

1 (Currently Amended). A method for creating a proxy portfolio for a traded fund ~~permitting efficient trading of shares of a fund~~ without revealing the traded fund assets, comprising:

using a computer to calculate ~~determining~~ a set of risk factors from a risk factor model, receiving a set of traded fund sensitivity coefficients and storing the set of traded fund sensitivity coefficients on computer readable media, wherein each traded fund sensitivity coefficient specifies the exposure of the traded fund to one of the risk factors, and

using a computer ~~means~~ to calculate weights of a set of securities to create a proxy portfolio having substantially the same sensitivity coefficients as the traded fund, wherein the proxy portfolio does not reveal the traded fund assets and the identities of the traded fund assets are not disclosed to an investor who trades shares of the traded fund.

2 (Currently Amended). The method of claim 1, further comprising:

using a computer to calculate ~~calculating~~ an estimated value for the traded fund based on the value of the proxy portfolio, wherein the step of using a computer to calculate ~~calculating~~ the estimated value is repeated periodically throughout a trading period, and publishing the estimated value periodically throughout the trading period.

3 (Currently Amended). The method of claim 1, further comprising:

using a computer to calculate weights of a set of securities to create ~~creating~~ a hedging portfolio, wherein the hedging portfolio has substantially the same sensitivity coefficients as the traded fund.

4 (Original). The method of claim 1, wherein the risk factor model is an economic risk factor model.

5 (Original). The method of claim 4, wherein at least one risk factor is selected from the group of risk factors consisting of: unexpected changes in default premiums, unexpected interest rate changes, unexpected changes in inflation rates, unexpected changes in long term economic growth, market risk as measured by a benchmark index, unexpected changes in debt term structure, risk premium, firm size effects, leverage, and book-to-market equity.

6 (Original). The method of claim 1, wherein the risk factor model is a statistical risk factor model.

7 (Original). The method of claim 3, wherein the risk factor model is a statistical risk factor model.

8 (Original). The method of claim 3, wherein the risk factor model is an economic risk factor model.

9 (Original). The method of claim 6, wherein the risk factor model is a principal components analysis.

10 (Original). The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of selecting securities for a proxy universe, wherein the step of creating a proxy portfolio involves calculating weights of securities in the proxy universe.

11 (Original). The method of claim 10, wherein the risk factors are calculated by orthogonalizing a correlation matrix of returns functions of the securities in the proxy universe.

12 (Currently Amended). The method of claim 11, wherein the step of measuring the exposure of the traded fund to the set of risk factors includes a linear least squares regression.

13 (Currently Amended). The method of claim 12, further comprising the steps of:
sorting the securities in the proxy universe into a plurality of groups,

using a computer to create ~~creating~~ a correlation matrix of returns functions of the securities in each group of securities, thereby creating a correlation matrix for each group,

using a computer to orthogonalize ~~orthogonalizing~~ the correlation matrix for each group to produce a first set of eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors for each group,

using a computer to arrange ~~arranging~~ the first set of eigenvalues for each group in descending order,

using a computer to eliminate ~~eliminating~~ a number of the smallest eigenvalues from the first set of eigenvalues and their corresponding eigenvectors from each group according to predetermined elimination criteria to produce a reduced set of principal components for each group,

using a computer to create ~~creating~~ a correlation matrix between all of the principal components in the reduced set of principal components for each group,

using a computer to orthogonalize ~~orthogonalizing~~ the correlation matrix between all of the principal components in the reduced set of principal components for each group to produce a second set of eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors for all reduced groups,

using a computer to eliminate ~~eliminating~~ a number of the smallest eigenvalues and their corresponding eigenvectors from the second set of eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors to produce a set of risk factors.

14-16 (Canceled).

17 (Currently Amended). A system for creating a proxy portfolio for a traded fund ~~permitting efficient trading of shares of a fund~~ without revealing the traded fund assets, comprising:

a computer ~~means~~ programmed to determine a set of risk factors from a risk factor model,

a network connection through which the computer ~~means~~ receives a set of traded fund sensitivity coefficients, wherein each traded fund sensitivity coefficient specifies the exposure of the traded fund to one of the risk factors,

wherein the computer ~~means~~ creates a proxy portfolio with substantially the same sensitivity coefficients as the traded fund, and wherein the proxy portfolio does not reveal the traded fund assets and the identities of the traded fund assets are not disclosed to an investor who trades shares of the traded fund.

18 (Currently Amended). The system of claim 17, wherein the computer ~~means~~ calculates an estimated value for the traded fund based on the value of the proxy portfolio periodically throughout a trading period and transmits the estimated value through the network to publish the estimated value periodically throughout the trading period.

19 (Currently Amended). The system of claim 17, wherein the computer ~~means~~ creates a hedging portfolio with substantially the same sensitivity coefficients as the traded fund.

20 (Original). The system of claim 17, wherein the risk factor model is an economic risk factor model.

21 (Original). The system of claim 20, wherein at least one risk factor is selected from the group of risk factors consisting of: unexpected changes in default premiums, unexpected interest rate changes, unexpected changes in inflation rates, unexpected changes in long term economic growth, market risk as measured by a benchmark index, unexpected changes in debt term structure, risk premium, firm size effects, leverage, and book-to-market equity.

22 (Original). The system of claim 17, wherein the risk factor model is a statistical risk factor model.

23 (Original). The system of claim 19, wherein the risk factor model is a statistical risk factor model.

24 (Original). The system of claim 22, wherein the risk factor model is a principal components analysis.

25 (Currently Amended). The system of claim 17, wherein the computer ~~means~~ creates a proxy portfolio by calculating weights of securities in a proxy universe.

26 (Original). The system of claim 22, wherein the risk factors are calculated by orthogonalizing a correlation matrix of returns functions of the securities in the proxy universe.

27 (Currently Amended). The system of claim 26, wherein the computer ~~means~~ measures the exposure of the traded fund to the set of risk factors by a linear least squares regression.

28 (Currently Amended). The system of claim 27, wherein the computer ~~means~~ is programmed to:

- sort the securities in the proxy universe into a plurality of groups,
- create a correlation matrix of returns functions of the securities in each group of securities, thereby creating a correlation matrix for each group,
- orthogonalize the correlation matrix for each group to produce a first set of eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors for each group,
- arrange the first set of eigenvalues for each group in descending order,
- eliminate a number of the smallest eigenvalues from the first set of eigenvalues and their corresponding eigenvectors from each group according to predetermined elimination criteria to produce a reduced set of principal components for each group,
- create a correlation matrix between all of the principal components in the reduced set of eigenvectors for each group,
- orthogonalize the correlation matrix between all of the principal components in the reduced set of principal components for each group to produce a second set of eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors for all reduced groups, and

eliminate a number of the smallest eigenvalues and their corresponding eigenvectors from the second set of eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors to produce a set of risk factors.

29-32 (Canceled).

33 (Currently Amended). A data storage device storing software to **create a proxy portfolio for a secondary market traded fund** ~~permit efficient trading of shares of a fund~~ without revealing the **traded** fund assets, the software having instructions for causing **a** computer ~~means~~ to execute the steps of:

determining a set of risk factors from a risk factor model,

receiving a set of **traded** fund sensitivity coefficients, wherein each **traded** fund sensitivity coefficient specifies the exposure of the **traded** fund to one of the risk factors, and

creating a proxy portfolio, wherein the proxy portfolio has substantially the same sensitivity coefficients as the **traded** fund, and wherein the proxy portfolio does not reveal the **traded** fund assets **and the identities of the traded fund assets are not disclosed to an investor who trades shares of the traded fund.**

34 (Currently Amended). The data storage device of claim 33, the software on the data storage device further having instructions for causing **the** computer ~~means~~ to execute the steps of:

calculating an estimated value for the **traded** fund based on the value of the proxy portfolio, wherein the step of calculating the estimated value is repeated periodically throughout a trading period, and

publishing the estimated value periodically throughout the trading period.

35 (Currently Amended). The data storage device of claim 33, the software on the data storage device further having instructions for causing **the** computer ~~means~~ to execute the steps of:

creating a hedging portfolio, wherein the hedging portfolio has substantially the same sensitivity coefficients as the traded fund.

36 (Original). The data storage device of claim 33, wherein the risk factor model is an economic risk factor model.

37 (Original). The data storage device of claim 36, wherein at least one risk factor is selected from the group of risk factors consisting of: unexpected changes in default premiums, unexpected interest rate changes, unexpected changes in inflation rates, unexpected changes in long term economic growth, market risk as measured by a benchmark index, unexpected changes in debt term structure, risk premium, firm size effects, leverage, and book-to-market equity.

38 (Original). The data storage device of claim 33, wherein the risk factor model is a statistical risk factor model.

39 (Original). The data storage device of claim 35, wherein the risk factor model is a statistical risk factor model.

40 (Original). The data storage device of claim 38, wherein the risk factor model is a principal components analysis.

41 (Currently Amended). The data storage device of claim 33, the software on the data storage device further having instructions for causing the computer ~~means~~ to execute the step of selecting securities for a proxy universe, wherein the step of creating a proxy portfolio involves calculating weights of securities in the proxy universe.

42 (Original). The data storage device of claim 41, wherein the risk factors are calculated by orthogonalizing a correlation matrix of returns functions of the securities in the proxy universe.

43 (Currently Amended). The data storage device of claim 42, wherein the step of measuring the exposure of the traded fund to the set of risk factors includes a linear least squares regression.

44 (Original). The data storage device of claim 43, the software on the data storage device further having instructions for causing a computer to execute the steps of:

- sorting the securities in the proxy universe into a plurality of groups,
- creating a correlation matrix of returns functions of the securities in each group of securities, thereby creating a correlation matrix for each group,
- orthogonalizing the correlation matrix for each group to produce a first set of eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors for each group,
- arranging the first set of eigenvalues for each group in descending order,
- eliminating a number of the smallest eigenvalues from the first set of eigenvalues and their corresponding eigenvectors from each group according to predetermined elimination criteria to produce a reduced set of principal components for each group,
- creating a correlation matrix between all of the principal components in the reduced set of principal components for each group,
- orthogonalizing the correlation matrix between all of the principal components in the reduced set of principal components for each group to produce a second set of eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors for all reduced groups,
- eliminating a number of the smallest eigenvalues and their corresponding eigenvectors from the second set of eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors to produce a set of risk factors.

45-46 (Canceled).

47 (Currently Amended). A method for determining a set of traded fund sensitivity coefficients for a traded fund ~~permitting efficient trading of shares of a fund~~ without revealing the traded fund assets, comprising:

using a computer to receive through a network or to calculate ~~receiving or calculating~~ a set of risk factors from a risk factor model,

storing the set of risk factors on computer readable media, and

using a computer means to calculate a set of traded fund sensitivity coefficients, wherein each traded fund sensitivity coefficient specifies the exposure of the traded fund to one of the risk factors,

wherein the traded fund sensitivity coefficients are used to create a proxy or hedging portfolio for pricing or hedging an investment in a traded fund, and wherein the fund sensitivity coefficients do not reveal the fund assets and the identities of the traded fund assets are not disclosed to an investor who trades shares of the traded fund.

48 (Currently Amended). A method for creating a proxy portfolio for a traded fund ~~permitting efficient trading of shares of a fund~~ without revealing the traded fund assets, comprising:

using a computer means to calculate weights of a set of securities to create a proxy portfolio from a set of traded fund sensitivity coefficients, wherein each traded fund sensitivity coefficient specifies the exposure of the traded fund to a risk factor, and wherein the proxy portfolio does not reveal the traded fund assets and the identities of the traded fund assets are not disclosed to an investor who trades shares of the traded fund.

49 (Currently Amended). The method of claim 48, further comprising:

using a computer to calculate ~~calculating~~ an estimated value for the traded fund based on the value of a proxy portfolio, wherein the step of calculating the estimated value is repeated periodically throughout a trading period, and

publishing the estimated value periodically throughout the trading period.

50 (Currently Amended). The method of claim 47, further comprising:

using a computer to calculate weights of a set of securities to create ~~creating~~ a hedging portfolio, wherein the hedging portfolio has substantially the same sensitivity coefficients as the traded fund.

51 (Original). The method of claim 47, wherein the risk factor model is an economic risk factor model.

52 (Original). The method of claim 47, wherein the risk factor model is a statistical risk factor model.

53 (Original). The method of claim 52, wherein the risk factor model is a principal components analysis.

54 (Currently Amended). A method for creating a set of risk factors for a traded fund ~~permitting efficient trading of shares of a fund~~ without revealing the traded fund assets, comprising the steps:

sorting securities in a proxy universe into a plurality of groups,

creating a correlation matrix of returns functions of the securities in each group of securities, thereby creating a correlation matrix for each group,

using a computer ~~means~~ to orthogonalize the correlation matrix for each group to produce a first set of eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors for each group,

arranging the first set of eigenvalues for each group in descending order,

eliminating a number of the smallest eigenvalues from the first set of eigenvalues and their corresponding eigenvectors from each group according to predetermined elimination criteria to produce a reduced set of principal components for each group,

creating a correlation matrix between all of the principal components in the reduced set of principal components for each group,

using the computer **means** to orthogonalize the correlation matrix between all of the principal components in the reduced set of principal components for each group to produce a second set of eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors for all reduced groups,

eliminating a number of the smallest eigenvalues and their corresponding eigenvectors from the second set of eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors to produce a set of risk factors, wherein the set of risk factors does not reveal the traded fund assets and the identities of the traded fund assets are not disclosed to an investor who trades shares of the traded fund.

55 (Currently Amended). A method for creating a proxy portfolio for a traded fund ~~permitting efficient trading of shares of a fund~~ without revealing the traded fund assets, comprising the steps of:

receiving a set of traded fund sensitivity coefficients indicating the exposure of the traded fund to a set of risk factors;

storing the set of traded fund sensitivity coefficients on computer readable media; and

using a computer **means** to calculate weights for securities selected from a proxy universe of securities to create a proxy portfolio from the securities selected from a proxy universe of securities, wherein the proxy portfolio has substantially the same sensitivity coefficients as the traded fund, and wherein the proxy portfolio does not reveal the fund assets and the identities of the traded fund assets are not disclosed to an investor who trades shares of the traded fund.

56 (Currently Amended). ~~An exchange~~ A traded fund whose assets are not publicly disclosed on a daily basis, wherein an estimated value of the fund is calculated by:

determining a set of risk factors from a risk factor model;

determining a set of traded fund sensitivity coefficients and storing the set of fund sensitivity coefficients on computer readable media, wherein each traded fund sensitivity coefficient specifies the exposure of the fund to one of the risk factors;

storing the traded fund sensitivity coefficients on computer readable media;

using a computer means to create a proxy portfolio having substantially the same sensitivity coefficients as the traded fund; and

calculating the estimated value of the traded fund based on the value of the proxy portfolio, wherein the proxy portfolio does not reveal the traded fund assets and the identities of the traded fund assets are not disclosed to an investor who trades shares of the traded fund.

57 (Currently Amended). A method for calculating an estimated value for ~~an exchange~~ a traded fund without publicly disclosing the assets of the ~~exchange~~ traded fund, comprising:

determining a set of risk factors from a risk factor model;

receiving or calculating a set of traded fund sensitivity coefficients, wherein each traded fund sensitivity coefficient specifies the exposure of the traded fund to one of the risk factors;

using a computer means to calculate weights of securities to create a proxy portfolio with substantially the same sensitivity coefficients as the traded fund; and

using a computer means to calculate the estimated value for the traded fund based on the value of the proxy portfolio, wherein the proxy portfolio does not reveal the traded fund assets and the identities of the traded fund assets are not disclosed to an investor who trades shares of the traded fund.

58 (Currently Amended). The method of claim 57, further comprising the step of disseminating the estimated value for the traded fund periodically throughout the day.

59 (Currently Amended). A method comprising trading shares of a traded fund without revealing the traded fund assets, wherein an estimated value for the traded fund is derived from a method comprising:

determining a set of risk factors from a risk factor model;

determining or receiving a set of traded fund sensitivity coefficients and storing the set of traded fund sensitivity coefficients on computer readable media, wherein each traded fund sensitivity coefficient specifies the exposure of the traded fund to one of the risk factors;

storing the traded fund sensitivity coefficients on computer readable media;

using a computer ~~means~~ to calculate weights of securities to create a proxy portfolio having substantially the same sensitivity coefficients as the traded fund; and

using a computer to calculate ~~calculating~~ the estimated value of the traded fund based on the value of the proxy portfolio, wherein the proxy portfolio does not reveal the traded fund assets and the identities of the traded fund assets are not disclosed to an investor who trades shares of the traded fund.

60 (Currently Amended). A method for creating a proxy portfolio for a traded fund ~~permitting efficient trading of shares of a fund~~ without revealing the traded fund assets, comprising:

determining a set of risk factors from a risk factor model,

receiving a set of traded fund sensitivity coefficients and storing the set of traded fund sensitivity coefficients on computer readable media, wherein each traded fund sensitivity coefficient specifies the exposure of the traded fund to one of the risk factors,

using a computer ~~means~~ to calculate weights of securities to create a proxy portfolio having substantially the same sensitivity coefficients as the traded fund, wherein the proxy portfolio does not reveal the traded fund assets,

using a computer to calculate ~~calculating~~ an estimated value for the traded fund based on the value of the proxy portfolio, wherein the step of calculating the estimated value is repeated periodically throughout a trading period, and

publishing the estimated value periodically throughout the trading period, wherein the estimated value for the traded fund does not reveal the traded fund assets and the identities

of the traded fund assets are not disclosed to an investor who trades shares of the traded fund.

61 (Currently Amended). A method for creating a proxy portfolio for a traded fund ~~permitting efficient trading of shares of a fund~~ without revealing the traded fund assets, comprising:

determining a set of risk factors from a risk factor model,

receiving a set of traded fund sensitivity coefficients and storing the set of traded fund sensitivity coefficients on computer readable media, wherein each traded fund sensitivity coefficient specifies the exposure of the traded fund to one of the risk factors,

using a computer means to calculate weights of securities to create a proxy portfolio having substantially the same sensitivity coefficients as the traded fund, and

using a computer to calculate weights of securities to create ~~creating~~ a hedging portfolio, wherein the hedging portfolio has substantially the same sensitivity coefficients as the traded fund, and wherein the hedging portfolio does not reveal the traded fund assets and the identities of the traded fund assets are not disclosed to an investor who trades shares of the traded fund.

62-73 (Canceled).

74 (Currently Amended). A method for creating a proxy portfolio for a traded fund ~~permitting efficient trading of shares of a fund~~ without revealing the traded fund assets, comprising:

determining a set of risk factors from a risk factor model,

receiving a set of traded fund sensitivity coefficients and storing the set of traded fund sensitivity coefficients on computer readable media, wherein each traded fund sensitivity coefficient specifies the exposure of the traded fund to one of the risk factors, and

using a computer means to calculate weights of securities to create a proxy portfolio having substantially the same sensitivity coefficients as the traded fund, wherein the proxy portfolio does not reveal the traded fund assets and the identities of the traded fund assets are not disclosed to an investor who trades shares of the traded fund.

75 (Currently Amended). The method of claim 74, further comprising:

using a computer to calculate ~~calculating~~ an estimated value for the traded fund based on the value of the proxy portfolio, wherein the step of calculating the estimated value is repeated periodically throughout a trading period, and

publishing the estimated value periodically throughout the trading period.

76 (Currently Amended). The method of claim 74, further comprising:

using a computer to calculate weights of securities to create ~~creating~~ a hedging portfolio, wherein the hedging portfolio has substantially the same sensitivity coefficients as the traded fund.

77 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 74, wherein the risk factor model is an economic risk factor model.

78 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 77, wherein at least one risk factor is selected from the group of risk factors consisting of: unexpected changes in default premiums, unexpected interest rate changes, unexpected changes in inflation rates, unexpected changes in long term economic growth, market risk as measured by a benchmark index, unexpected changes in debt term structure, risk premium, firm size effects, leverage, and book-to-market equity.

79 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 74, wherein the risk factor model is a statistical risk factor model.

80 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 76, wherein the risk factor model is a statistical risk factor model.

81 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 76, wherein the risk factor model is an economic risk factor model.

82 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 79, wherein the risk factor model is a principal components analysis.

83 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 74, further comprising the step of selecting securities for a proxy universe, wherein the step of creating a proxy portfolio involves calculating weights of securities in the proxy universe.

84-86 (Canceled).

87 (Currently Amended). A method for determining a set of fund sensitivity coefficients for a traded fund ~~permitting efficient trading of shares of a fund~~ without revealing the traded fund assets, comprising:

receiving or calculating a set of risk factors from a risk factor model,

using a computer to calculate ~~determining~~ a set of traded fund sensitivity coefficients, wherein each traded fund sensitivity coefficient specifies the exposure of the traded fund to one of the risk factors, and wherein the traded fund sensitivity coefficients do not reveal the fund assets and the identities of the traded fund assets are not disclosed to an investor who trades shares of the traded fund.

88 (Currently Amended). A method for creating a proxy portfolio for a traded fund ~~permitting efficient trading of shares of a fund~~ without revealing the traded fund assets, comprising:

using a computer to calculate weights of securities to create ~~creating~~ a proxy portfolio from a set of traded fund sensitivity coefficients, wherein each traded fund sensitivity coefficient specifies the exposure of the traded fund to a risk factor, and wherein the proxy

portfolio does not reveal the traded fund assets and the identities of the traded fund assets are not disclosed to an investor who trades shares of the traded fund.

89 (Currently Amended). The method of claim 88, further comprising:

using a computer to calculate ~~calculating~~ an estimated value for the traded fund based on the value of a proxy portfolio, wherein the step of calculating the estimated value is repeated periodically throughout a trading period, and

publishing the estimated value periodically throughout the trading period.

90 (Currently Amended). The method of claim 87, further comprising:

creating a hedging portfolio, wherein the hedging portfolio has substantially the same sensitivity coefficients as the traded fund.

91 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 87, wherein the risk factor model is an economic risk factor model.

92 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 87, wherein the risk factor model is a statistical risk factor model.

93 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 92, wherein the risk factor model is a principal components analysis.

94 (Currently Amended). A method for creating a proxy portfolio for a traded fund ~~permitting efficient trading of shares of a fund~~ without revealing the traded fund assets, comprising the steps of:

receiving a set of traded fund sensitivity coefficients indicating the exposure of the traded fund to a set of risk factors; and

using a computer to calculate weights of securities selected from a proxy universe of securities to create ~~creating~~ a proxy portfolio from securities selected from ~~a~~ the proxy universe of securities, wherein the proxy portfolio has substantially the same sensitivity

coefficients as the traded fund, and wherein the proxy portfolio does not reveal the traded fund assets and the identities of the traded fund assets are not disclosed to an investor who trades shares of the traded fund.

95 (Currently Amended). A method for calculating an estimated value for an exchange traded fund without publicly disclosing the assets of the exchange traded fund, comprising:

determining a set of risk factors from a risk factor model;

using a computer to receive over a network or to calculate ~~receiving or calculating~~ a set of exchange traded fund sensitivity coefficients, wherein each exchange traded fund sensitivity coefficient specifies the exposure of the fund to one of the risk factors;

using a computer to calculate weights of securities to create ~~creating~~ a proxy portfolio with substantially the same sensitivity coefficients as the exchange traded fund; and

using a computer to calculate ~~calculating~~ the estimated value for the exchange traded fund based on the value of the proxy portfolio, wherein the proxy portfolio does not reveal the exchange traded fund assets and the identities of the exchange traded fund assets are not disclosed to an investor who trades shares of the exchange traded fund.

96 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 95, further comprising the step of disseminating the estimated value for the fund periodically throughout the day.

97 (Currently Amended). A method comprising trading shares of a fund without revealing the fund assets, wherein an estimated value for the fund is derived from a method comprising:

determining a set of risk factors from a risk factor model;

using a computer to calculate or receive through a network ~~determining or receiving~~ a set of fund sensitivity coefficients, wherein each fund sensitivity coefficient specifies the exposure of the fund to one of the risk factors;

using a computer to calculate weights of securities to create ~~creating~~ a proxy portfolio having substantially the same sensitivity coefficients as the fund; and

using a computer to calculate ~~calculating~~ the estimated value of the fund based on the value of the proxy portfolio, wherein the proxy portfolio does not reveal the fund assets and the identities of the fund assets are not disclosed to an investor who trades shares of the fund.

98 (Currently Amended). A method for creating a proxy portfolio for a traded fund ~~permitting efficient trading of shares of a fund~~ without revealing the traded fund assets, comprising:

determining a set of risk factors from a risk factor model,

receiving a set of traded fund sensitivity coefficients, wherein each traded fund sensitivity coefficient specifies the exposure of the traded fund to one of the risk factors,

using a computer to calculate weights of securities to create ~~creating~~ a proxy portfolio having substantially the same sensitivity coefficients as the traded fund, wherein the proxy portfolio does not reveal the traded fund assets,

calculating an estimated value for the traded fund based on the value of the proxy portfolio, wherein the step of calculating the estimated value is repeated periodically throughout a trading period, and

publishing the estimated value periodically throughout the trading period, wherein the estimated value does not reveal the identities of the traded fund assets and the identities of the traded fund assets are not disclosed to an investor who trades shares of the traded fund.

99 (Currently Amended). A method for creating a proxy portfolio for a secondary market traded fund ~~permitting efficient trading of shares of a fund~~ without revealing the traded fund assets, comprising:

determining a set of risk factors from a risk factor model,

receiving a set of traded fund sensitivity coefficients and storing the set of traded fund sensitivity coefficients on computer readable media, wherein each traded fund sensitivity coefficient specifies the exposure of the traded fund to one of the risk factors,

using a computer ~~means~~ to calculate weights of securities to create a proxy portfolio having substantially the same sensitivity coefficients as the traded fund, and

using a computer to calculate weights of securities to create ~~creating~~ a hedging portfolio, wherein the hedging portfolio has substantially the same sensitivity coefficients as the traded fund, and wherein the hedging portfolio does not reveal the traded fund assets and the identities of the traded fund assets are not disclosed to an investor who trades shares of the traded fund.

100-110 (Canceled).